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Anza Trail Exhibit Opens in Nogales, Sonora

Nogales, AZ- The Cultural Center IMFOCULTA (Casa de la Cultura) in Nogales, Sonora, will host an international exhibit about the Juan Bautista de Anza Expedition, which founded the California cities of San Francisco in 1776, and San Jose in 1777. The exhibit includes seven interpretive panels presenting, in Spanish, the story of the expedition and the challenges the members faced. It makes connections to timeless themes such as emigration, opportunity, diversity, hope, and faith. Cities across Sonora, Mexico, as well as Arizona and California, will host the bilingual exhibit in 2012-13. The exhibit will be on display in Nogales from August 18, 2011 through the end of the year. The City of Nogales will host an opening ceremony during which the mayor of Nogales, Sonora will cut the ribbon, on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Casa de la Cultura is located at Ave. Ruiz Cortinez 1537. Phone: +52 (631) 313-9165.

About the Anza Trail

The 1,200 mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail (Anza Trail) runs from Nogales, Arizona to San Francisco, California. Captain Juan Bautista de Anza forged the first European overland route between Sonora, Mexico and Alta California and brought over 240 colonists, mostly women and children, to settle San Francisco. The overland route was also used by the Spanish in 1781 to settle Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. This successful colonization effort, which supported the Spanish presidios and missions along the California coast, forever changed the lives of the native Indian population and the natural environment. The National Park Service administers the Anza Trail in partnership with many local, state, and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and private property owners. For further information, visit www.nps.gov/juba.

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